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## Pharmacy refill line

The 810th Medical Operations Squadron has a new refill telephone number. The number is 333-DRUG

# Fire destroys two homes

**AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Two families spent last weekend in temporary housing after a fire destroyed their homes in the Air Force Academy's Pine Valley housing area Feb. 27. The area is located on the southeast side of the base. There were no injuries, although one firefighter was taken to a local hospital and treated for smoke inhalation.

The Academy fire department responded to the call at about 7:50 p.m. with 12 firefighters, two engines and a ladder truck. The duplex-style home, is located off East Paintbrush Drive. Members of the 10th Security Forces Squadron were also on scene.

Although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, Deputy Fire Chief Ernst Piercy said a neighbor first observed the fire in some plastic pallets located in the carport of one side of the duplex.

A neighbor in another duplex saw the fire and raced to the front door and awakened the resident who grabbed her child and exited through the front door. A 21st Space Wing airman and his family who lived next door were also safely evacuated.

Piercy said the houses were built in 1960, and originally had flat roofs, with tar and gravel. Pitched roofs were added later, so fire fighting was difficult between the two sections.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Ben Bloker

**Within 30 minutes after the fire began, flames vent through the roof on the back side of the duplex-style home.**

"We cut holes, got access and flowed water, but it was a tough fire to extinguish," Piercy said. "We got it under control about 9:30 p.m., but we didn't get it put out until about 12:30 this morning (Feb. 28)."

Families in four other houses in the same housing cluster were evacuated as a precaution and are staying in either temporary housing on base or with friends in Pine Valley.

In addition to the Academy firefighters and security forces on scene, Academy Assistant Fire Chief James

Rackl said several off-base fire crews from the "North Group" responded either on-scene to fight the fire or provide other assistance such as ventilation, salvage and overhaul.

The "North Group" is a consortium of fire departments that border the Air Force Academy, and provide assistance when needed through mutual aid agreements.

Cost estimates will be determined when the investigation is complete. *(Release courtesy of U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs)*

## Peterson rallies to help fire victims recover

**By Master Sgt. D.K. Grant**

*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

A fire in the Air Force Academy's Pine Valley housing area destroyed two homes and the majority of the residents' belongings including clothing, appliances, furniture and more.

What few items were salvaged were thanks to the hard work of firefighters and security forces, as well as neighbors and friends drawn to the scene by the sirens and smoke.

According to Academy public affairs spokesperson Pam Ancker, while firefighters fought to contain the inferno, other firefighters and police members entered the homes and began tossing the families' belongings out the windows. Everyone who was able, including Ancker, lined up to haul furniture, toys, clothing and irreplaceable mementos away from the blazing structures.

"The fire department and security forces troops were awesome, both the night of the fire and the following day," said Chief Master Sergeant Andy Laning, 21st Mission Support Squadron first sergeant and president of the first sergeants' council.

Thanks to that team effort, both families still have precious memorabilia, but most of their possessions were incinerated or irreparably damaged in the fire. To complicate the situation, neither family had renter's insurance.

That's when Laning and local first sergeants came to the rescue. According to Laning, who is the first sergeant for one of the affected airmen, this kind of situation is not as uncommon as people might imagine, and it's one reason the military has first sergeants: To take care of people.

The first sergeants put the two families in temporary



Photos by Staff Sgt. Ben Bloker

**A fire fighter from the Donald Westcott Fire Department, left, looks on as Air Force Academy firefighters remove contents from one of the duplexes during salvage efforts.**

housing, and began the process of getting them back on their feet. Funds from the first sergeants' Caring Through Sharing program were distributed to the two families to help them deal with immediate needs (clothing, grooming and hygiene, and others). In addition, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service stepped in to help dress the two military members.

Laning and the first sergeants weren't finished, though. The next step was to put the word out that a family member needed help and, as is common in the Air Force environment, donations and offers rolled in.

Peterson members who would like to help out can contact Laning at 556-6350.





Photo by Staff Sgt Justin D. Pyle

## Bringing them home

A C-17 Globemaster III from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., arrived at Ramstein Air Base Germany March 5 carrying the remains of seven servicemen killed in action during Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan. They were met by a multiservice honor guard who performed a fallen soldier ceremony to honor those killed.

### 21st Space Wing



# GSU

## At a Glance



**Unit:** 10th Space Warning Squadron

**Location:** Cavalier Air Force Station, North Dakota

**Mission:** The 10th Space Warning Squadron provides tactical warning and attack assessment of sea-launched and intercontinental ballistic missiles launched against the continental United States and southern Canada.

The squadron tracks the skies using the Perimeter Acquisition Radar Characterization System—a single-faced phased array radar. Missile warning data and assessment information is sent to the North American Aerospace Defense Command missile warning center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. Additionally, the 10th provides surveillance, tracking and space object identification support for the space surveillance network.

Ballistic missile early warning, like that done by the 10th, is the Air Force Space Command's highest priority. Twenty nations have nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. Early warning helps the United States detect ballistic missile launches and take any necessary action.

## News Briefs

**BASE EXERCISE** - The 21st Space Wing will be involved in a base-wide exercise Wednesday and Thursday.

Exercise areas will be evident with exercise controllers wearing red hats and vests.

For more information, call Lou Collachi at 556-6485.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The 18th National Space Symposium is slated for April 8-11 at the Broadmoor hotel.

Volunteers are needed for various positions.

To find out more information or

to volunteer, log onto

[www.spacesymposium.org](http://www.spacesymposium.org) or you can call 554-5736.

**CONSTRUCTION** - A section of the Officer's Club parking lot will be closed for construction until April 30.

A contractor will construct landscaped islands as well as install new parking lot lights.

The entire south portion of the parking lot will be open for parking.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Funicelli at 556-1634.

## Action Line

### Left-handed complaint

**Q:** On Jan. 15 at approximately 4:15 p.m. a security forces' vehicle with license plate 1608609 was stopped in the North bound off ramp of Highway 115 to South Academy.

He wanted to make a left turn and didn't want to wait for the traffic so he turned on his flashers and then drove into the Texaco Star Mart.

**A:** Thank you very much for bringing this incident to our attention. Misuse of emergency lights is

against squadron policy and is strictly prohibited. The squadron commander and his squadron leaders have instituted corrective actions to ensure this type of incident does not recur.

Again, thank you very much for your concern. If you have any further questions, please call Master Sgt. David Pitts at 474-2304.

#### Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct line to me. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call or fax the Action Line.

To submit a question or comment to the Action Line call 556-7777 or fax your question to 556-7848.



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## News

## AFOSI--A band of true professionals

By Senior Airman  
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When someone says "Air Force Office of Special Investigations," most people think of a very secretive, covert organization. Well, that couldn't be further from the truth.

In fact, OSI special agents are very open about their mission and proud to be the Air Force's direct link to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

"We hear that stereotype a lot," said Special Agent Jim Mowry, AFOSI Detachment 803 commander. "People believe the mystique of the stereotype because they don't know what we really do."

OSI is the federal investigative arm of the Air Force for all major criminal and counterintelligence matters.

They interface daily with law enforcement agencies, collecting and disseminating critical information that is of importance to the Air Force and on a closer level, the 21st Space Wing.

Monday, a Headquarters AFOSI recruiting team will visit Peterson AFB to recruit new agents into this special-duty career field. Although hit by Stop-Loss, OSI anticipates a shortage of agents in the near future, and they are searching for the right people.

"We are looking for the best of the best," said Mowry. "It's not an easy job, so we set our standards high."

Because of those high

standards, Mowry said the special agents assigned within OSI have amazing dedication.

"We don't work shift hours," said Mowry. "It's not uncommon to see our agents in at 6 a.m. and leaving after 10 p.m."

Both positive and negative aspects of OSI duty will be discussed in detail during the recruiting briefings.

"We're completely upfront with people at the very beginning of the process," he said. "We want people to know what's expected of them when they join the OSI family. So we tell them the good, the bad and the ugly at the recruiting briefings so they can make informed, educated decisions regarding their careers."

With worldwide assignments, selective-reenlistment bonus opportunities and an ever-changing environment, the positives out-weigh the negatives, said Mowry.

"If you are the type of person who thrives on challenges and enjoys the ability to diversify within the same AFSC, this may be the job for you," said Mowry. "You can go from working a huge undercover narcotic investigation one year to running a multi-million dollar fraud investigation the following year. The next year, you could find yourself conducting international liaison meetings with foreign counterparts, collecting vital information on possible terrorist cells. The one constant is change....no two cases are ever identical."

One area of OSI in which Mowry sees little

change is within its specialized areas. These agents specialize in one area of expertise within OSI.

"Before you can apply for a specialty, you'll spend the first year or two just learning how to become an all-around excellent agent," he said. "You'll learn things like surveillance, interviewing, crime scene processing, evidence preservation and collection, and report writing—the basics of what we do."

After learning the basics, an agent can then apply for a specialty and once accepted, learn the particulars associated with it. Here is a list of some of the specialties and a brief description of what they are:

■ **Technical Services Specialists-** Agents who use special technical surveillance techniques to get information when it can't be obtained in other ways.

■ **Computer Crime Investigators-** Agents who specialize in computer crime investigations and analysis (hacker hunters).

■ **Forensics Consultants-** These agents provide specialized forensic support to field units (AFIT Master's Degree provided).

■ **Counterespionage Specialists-** Offensive counterintelligence investigations in support of DoD Special Access Programs.

■ **Polygraph Examiners-** These agents specialize in the administration of polygraph examinations.

Agents don't need to specialize though. Since Sept. 11, there has been an increas-



ing need for strong field agents.

"After Sept. 11, our mission didn't change, but the emphasis on CONUS counterintelligence and anti-terrorism support to force protection has," said Mowry. "We now operate worldwide to the fullest extent our mission allows. We are the only agency on base with the exclusive mission to go beyond the wire in search of threats to USAF personnel and resources."

Because of the heightened terrorist threat, OSI is recruiting a lot more agents to meet this challenge. They are looking for officers with less than 12 years of total active federal military service and less than six years total active federal commission service. On the enlisted side, they will be looking for senior airmen with less than six years time in

service, staff through master sergeants with less than 12 years of military service, and security forces members in the ranks of staff through master sergeant.

On Monday, a local agent from Detachment 803 will join the Headquarters Recruiting team at the Mission Support Building, Room 2057 at 9 a.m. to answer any and all questions you may have about the OSI career field.

"The impact we have on the Air Force is immense," said Mowry. "It's a challenging and rewarding career that has direct, tangible impacts on the safety and security of all personnel in the USAF. Simply put, when an agent retires from OSI, they know they had a real impact on the Air Force mission....and this is what makes OSI, and the men and women of our team, a little bit more 'special.'"

## Guardian Challenge auction sold good times for all

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The first Guardian Challenge auction, held from 6-10 p.m. Saturday at Peterson's enlisted club, offered Team 21 members an opportunity to have a great time, while bidding against each other for autographed sports memorabilia, books, lithographs, collectibles and several items not usually available in the local area.

"One key to our success is that we received at least one item to auction from every single squadron and group in the 21st Space Wing," said Capt. Jeff Leeder. "The support we got was just great."

Sets of Beanie Babies were very popular among the bidders. Special sets donated by Maj. Greg Sava, 1st Space Control Squadron, included rare Christmas, Easter and Patriotic beanies. Another set, donated by the 21st Logistics Group, included beanie babies Rescue, Courage and America, created to honor the New York City Fire Dept., NYC Police Dept. and the American Red Cross respectively, following the events of Sept. 11.

A Diamond Willow walking stick, handmade by members of the 13th Space Warning Squadron at Clear Air Force Station, Alaska, and a lead crystal Inuit woman donated by the 12th SWS at Thule Air Base, Greenland were among the unique items donated by Team 21's units.

A copy of the book "The Quest for Mach One," autographed by the authors, retired Brig. Generals Chuck Yeager and Bob Cardenas, and donated by the 18th Space Surveillance Squadron at Edwards AFB, Calif., also attracted several bidders.

"A football and photograph autographed by Terry Bradshaw, along with an autographed basketball and team photograph of Team USA created a lot of interest," said Leeder.



"Our auctioneer, Steve Ket of Front Range Auctions, donated part of his services for this auction," Leeder said. "He and his wife Barb really motivated the crowd."

Following the dinner, 13 desserts placed among the 24 tables were also auctioned. "From the auction of the desserts alone, we were able to raise more than \$300," said Leeder.

Of the total \$8,818 raised, more than 23 percent, or \$1,990, came from items donated by 21st SW units.

Though the name of the auction refers to Guardian Challenge, Leeder said "All the money goes toward supporting our competitors, whether it's Guardian Challenge, Readiness Challenge, Top Dollar or any other competitions."

"We couldn't have been successful without across-the-board support by everyone — from the command section to the units to the folks who came out and participated," said Leeder. "Everyone had a great time and we're looking forward to next year."

"The club did a great job setting everything up," said Capt. Guin Leeder, project officer for the auction. "It looked fantastic."

# Cooking up support

By Staff Sgt.  
Melanie Epperson  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

The Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Wives' Club is in the initial stages of creating the "Pikes Peak Military Family Cookbook" and needs the help of those in the Pikes Peak region with a military affiliation.

Active-duty members, reservists, guardsmen, cadets, retirees, veterans and family members may help the OWC by providing favorite recipes for the book.

"We were looking for a fundraiser project and thought this was a great way to get our military community together," said Linh Narum, OWC cookbook committee member. "We wanted to include members of all the bases in the area as well as retirees to unite our military community, especially after the events of September 11."

The cookbook will have a patriotic theme, however, recipes need not be patriotic.

The cookbook will include the following categories: appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, veg-

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**Linh Narum**  
*Peterson AFB Officers' Wives' Club*

etables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy, and a this and that category.

According to Narum, the OWC members hope to have a minimum of 300 recipes for the cookbook.

"So far we have only received a handful of recipes, but we are still in the early stages of creating the cookbook," she said. "We hope many people will submit their favorite recipes, and we encourage them to donate more than one."

There are a few guidelines for people to follow when submitting recipes

to the OWC.

First, all recipes must be neatly handwritten or typed, and only one recipe may be submitted per page.

Next, make sure the title of the recipe is clearly stated and that it is categorized in one of the above categories. Make sure to list the ingredients and then the directions.

Finally, Narum said to be sure and proof-read the recipe for accuracy. You should also include your name as you'd like it to appear in the cookbook, as well as your military affiliation.

Include your phone number as well, in case committee members have a question regarding your submission.

Submissions can be e-mailed to Linh Narum, at [Lnarum@msn.com](mailto:Lnarum@msn.com) or mailed to Linh Narum c/o Peterson Officers' Wives' Club, P.O. Box 14066, Peterson AFB, CO. 80914.

The deadline for submissions is May 1, and according to Narum, the cookbook should be completed some time in November.

For more information or to submit a recipe, call Narum at 591-7010 or e-mail the above address.

## National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month, and a good time to clear up some misunderstandings about vitamins.

According to the latest research on Vitamin C, supplements may not be the answer. Megadose advocates believe that Vitamin C can reduce the risk of illnesses ranging from the common cold to cancer.

But the human body can only absorb so much Vitamin C per day. And research shows that the large doses of Vitamin C in pills provide no additional benefits, especially compared to the benefits available in a balanced diet. Excessive doses of Vitamin C may even be harmful.

Most sources agree that a diet rich in Vitamin C may decrease risk of illness, but how much is enough? A diet that includes five daily servings of fruit and vegetables can provide up to 200 milligrams of Vitamin C, which is enough to saturate the body's tissues. Pill supplements normally provide more than double that amount. The problem with getting nutrients from a balanced diet is that only one

in three Americans eats five or more servings of fruit and vegetables.

A balanced diet includes a mix of nutrients which may also be linked to reducing the risk of cancer, heart disease or stroke. Some of those compounds, called antioxidants, also help prevent molecular damage to body tissues.

Vitamin C and Beta Carotene are probably the most publicized of those compounds, but they account for only 15 percent of the antioxidants found in a typical serving of fruit or vegetables. Those and the fibers, minerals and vitamins included in fruit and vegetables make them a logical nutrition choice.

Eating fresh fruit and vegetables to get the daily vitamins, minerals and other nutrients you need just makes more sense than paying for costly supplements that haven't been proven to provide the same benefits.

For tips on how to include more fruit and vegetables in your diet, log on to [www.peterson.af.mil/ids/hawc](http://www.peterson.af.mil/ids/hawc)

*(Information courtesy of the HAWC)*



## News

# Assistance fund campaign kicks off at Peterson

By Tech. Sgt.  
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21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 2002 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has begun and will continue through March 29.

Peterson's 2001 AFAF contributions totaled \$66,973, while this year's campaign, themed "commitment to caring," includes a Peterson goal of \$68,804.

The annual campaign raises money for four charitable organizations benefiting active-duty, reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

Those organizations are the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc., the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Last year's campaign contributions totaled nearly \$4.3 million. The Air Force goal for the 2001 AFAF campaign is \$4.3 million, the same as last year.

"The Air Force Assistance Fund has proudly demonstrated the willingness of Air Force people to take care of their own for 29 years," said Brig. Gen. Bob

Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander. "Neither the Air Force Assistance Fund or its affiliates receive taxpayers support. The campaign relies largely on voluntary contributions."

Donations to the AFAF campaign can be made through cash or check contributions or payroll deduction.

Contributors may designate their contributions to one or more of the four charities, and 100 percent of their AFAF contribution is passed to their chosen charities.

"Contributions may be made directly to unit keyworkers, or by payroll deductions," said Capt. William Bagby, Peterson AFAF project officer. "The contributions can also be deducted for federal income tax purposes."

For more information on the campaign, check out the Air Force Personnel Web site: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vote/fund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vote/fund). Click on the "fundraising" tab at the top of that page.

■ The Air Force Aid Society, the official charity of the Air Force, can be accessed worldwide for emergency financial assistance.

The top priority is assistance to active-duty members and their families, but consideration is given to assisting retirees and widows on a limited, case-by-case basis. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members on

extended active-duty under Title 10 U.S.C. may also be eligible for emergency assistance when circumstances warrant.

■ The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc., located in Fort Walton Beach near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people.

Those eligible are widows and widowers, 55 and older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

■ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, located in San Antonio, is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members.

The indigent widow's fund provides support to widows and widowers of Air Force officers.

■ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent officers' and enlisted widows or widowers in their own home and community.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano

**Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander, signs his Air Force Assistance Fund donation form.**

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## Around the Air Force

# Air Force shows NASCAR team 320 mph ‘pit stop’

By Capt.  
Kimberly Garbett  
[60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs](#)

**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev.** — The Air Force took to the skies Feb. 28 with NASCAR driver Elliott Sadler and members of the Wood Brothers Racing team to give them a taste of the Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command version of a 320 mph aerial “pit stop.”

A KC-10 Extender from the 9th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., with the racing team aboard and a Nellis-based F-16 Fighting Falcon flying with Sadler, accomplished an air refueling over

Nevada’s high desert. Sadler called the flight “a ride I’ll never forget.”

For this and last year’s NASCAR Winston Cup racing seasons, the Air Force has been an associate sponsor of the Sadler-driven Wood Brothers Racing No. 21 Ford Taurus.

The car displays the Air Force logo.

Sadler said he has always had great respect for the Air Force, and the aerial pit stop gave him a greater appreciation of the mission.

“It’s amazing that these planes can fly so fast and so close together even as they are refueling,” he said. “From my view in the back seat of the F-

16 ... it’s unbelievable and incredible! And these guys need to have guts for the missions they are called to.”

From an Air Force recruiting and retention perspective, the relationship with NASCAR racing pays high returns, Air Force recruiting officials said.

“The national advertising we get in the most popular spectator sport in America is incredible,” said Master Sgt. Richard Lochren, a recruiting superintendent in El Paso, Texas. “The impact we have seen in our target population of mechanics and electronically oriented recruits helped our numbers tremendously in those areas last year.”



Photo by Capt. Kimberly Garbett

**NASCAR driver Elliott Sadler, flying in the back seat of an F-16 Fighting Falcon, witnesses a 320 mph aerial refueling “pit stop” first hand.**

## Deployed airmen making calm out of chaos in Afghanistan

By Master Sgt. Louis A. Arana-Barradas  
[Air Force Print News](#)

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** — The pace of Air Force airlift into this busy base has picked up again, and the size of the coalition force here has grown.

Until a few days ago, airlift only occurred at night. Now C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft are landing at a 30-a-day clip, day and night.

From some 400 people in early December, the force is now nearly 10 times as big at this base about 25 miles north of the Afghan capital of Kabul. They have turned this former Soviet fighter base — still chock-full of mined areas — into an armed camp.

“You’ve got to look where you’re going. If you don’t, you’ll run into someone, or some vehicle will run over you,” said Michael, an American soldier. He has been at the camp several weeks and has done a lot of walking. “It’s a madhouse.”

Madhouse or not, there is definitely lot of activity. Bagram is in the thick of Operation Enduring Freedom, and as busy as the daylight hours are, the nights are just as hectic. The night belongs to the Air Force.

The airmen are mostly part of the 821st Air Mobility Squadron’s tanker airlift control element. They are part of the 621st Air Mobility Operations Group at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Deployed to Bagram in early December, their job is to establish and then manage the airflow into the base.

“Our biggest challenge is coordinating with all the people coming in, and trying to meet all their needs,” said 1st Lt. Liz Wickman, the element’s operations officer. “We want to help everyone.”

But at the same time, she said, “We have to make people understand that our job (is) to get things rolling and then leave. But after everyone gets used to us, it’s hard for them to let us go.”

The team here includes aerial port troops who download and upload aircraft, aircraft maintenance, command and control, intelligence and medical troops, security forces and firefighters.

“We travel heavy, but we travel smart,” said Master Sgt. Todd Kuzia, noncommissioned officer in charge of operations. “We pack everything we need to start operations.”

The element arrived with an initial cadre of 92 airmen. It deployed from McGuire on two C-5 Galaxy transports. Two hours after landing, operating out of tents, the team started to direct aircraft operations for the base.

Kuzia said the first few days was a prime example of “organized chaos and confusion.” The aerial port troops and security forces had to establish rules for night operations.

“At first we worked only blackout operations,” he said. “But (we) got the job done and nobody got hurt.”

In the total darkness, most downloads still took from 15 to 30 minutes.

The element’s nerve center is the mobile air reporting center. Working 24-hour operations, its



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

**Soldiers head for their billets after arriving at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, aboard a C-17 Globemaster III transport.**

troops have a hand in everything that happens.

“If an airplane crashes — and that’s happened while we were here — we directed the (medical evacuation) and helped offload and load the patients,” Kuzia said.

“We’ve established a great brotherhood with these airmen,” said Maj. (Dr.) Brian Burlingame. The Army surgeon said the 274th Forward Surgical Team wouldn’t have been able to set up and operate without the McGuire troops.

“When we first got here, they set us up,” Burlingame said. “The found us space, set up our power and generally took care of us. Any time we’ve needed help, they’ve been there for us. If they had two of something, they’d give us one.”



## Today

■ Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Family Advocacy Center.

## Sunday

■ Denver Nuggets will be practicing and signing autographs at the fitness center in Gym #2, 1-2:15 p.m.

## Monday

■ Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Family Advocacy Center.

## Tuesday

■ Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.  
■ Easter Season luncheon, noon, at the Chapel.

## Wednesday

■ Story time for kids, 10 a.m., at the library.  
■ Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Family Advocacy Center.  
■ Going overseas, 8-9 a.m., at the



Courtesy photo

## New shirt

**Senior Master Sgt. Neil Thatcher, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, is the newest first sergeant to Peterson Air Force Base. If you are interested in becoming a first sergeant, contact your command chief master sergeant.**

Family Support Center.

■ Smooth Move summary, 9-9:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.

■ Applying for Federal Civilian Service, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center.

## Thursday

■ Play group, 10:30-noon, at the Peterson Base Chapel.  
■ Job orientation, 1-2 p.m., at the Family Support Center.  
■ Couples communication, 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Colorado Springs Penrose House.

## March 15

■ Couples communication, 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Penrose House.

## Helpful Numbers

■ Family Advocacy Center 556-8943  
■ Education Center 556-4064  
■ Library 556-7462  
■ Community Center 556-7671  
■ Aquatics Center 556-4608  
■ Fitness Center 556-4462  
■ Officers' Club 556-4181  
■ Enlisted Club 556-4194  
■ Youth Center 556-7220  
■ Family Support Center 556-6141  
■ Chapel 556-4442

# Community Notes

### Community News

**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS SERVICE DAY** - Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Government Employees Health Association, PacificCare of Colorado and Kaiser Permanente will be at the Civilian Personnel Flight training room Tuesday, noon-1:30 p.m., to speak with civilian employees about benefits.

For more information, call Beverly Sagapolutele at 556-7073.

**AQUATICS CENTER CLOSURE** - The Peterson Aquatics Center will be closed today through March 24.

For more information, call 556-4608.

**SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM** - The Student Summer Hire Program will be June 3 - Aug. 23.

Supervisors and managers should submit their summer hire needs to the 21st Mission Support Squadron.

Students who wish to apply must be 16 years old by June 3, and submit a resume' between Monday and March 22.

For more information on the program, call Nancy Nowacki at 556-6188.

**MILITARY LIAISON TEAMS** - The Air Force Personnel Center needs active duty captains and majors to volunteer for military liaison teams in Georgia, Moldova and the Ukraine.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

**PIKES PEAK MILITARY FAMILY COOKBOOK** - The Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Wives Club is creating a cookbook to include all military families in the Pikes Peak region. To submit a recipe, follow the guidelines below.

- All recipes must be neatly handwritten or typed.
- One recipe per page.
- Clearly state the title of your recipe.

■ Include your name, military affiliation and phone number.

■ List all ingredients, then the directions.

Submissions may be made by e-mailing Linh Narum at [lnarum@msn.com](mailto:lnarum@msn.com) or mailing Linh Narum, c/o Peterson Officers' Wives' Club, P.O. Box 14066, Peterson AFB, CO.

For more information, call Narum at 591-7010.

**GOLF COURSE** - The kitchen area of the golf course's 19th Hole Grill is closed for renovation until April 19.

For details, call 556-7233.

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DATA SYSTEM** - The Air Force-wide conversion to CIVMOD continues until March 15. During the conversion the human resources flight will not be able to update civilian training completion, educational information, occupational certifications or awards and decorations information.

**TRAILERS** - Mountain Home Air Force Base has trailers available for rent at Yellowstone National Park.

For details, call Mark Lothrop at DSN 728-6333 or commercial (208) 828-6333.

**RED CROSS CLASSES** - The American Red Cross will offer a number of classes throughout March.

The classes and fees are as follows:

- Adult CPR, Monday, 6-9:30 p.m. There is a \$35 fee.
- First-aid, Thursday, 6-9:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee.
- Babysitter training for youth ages 11-15, March 16 and 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There is a \$30 fee.

For details, call 556-7590.

### Community Activities Center

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER CLASSES** - The Community Activities

Center will offer a scrapbooking class, Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for the class and supplies. Bring 6-12 photos.

For more information, call 556-1732.

### Education Center

**AIR FORCE TUITION ASSISTANCE** - The Education Center will no longer provide Air Force Tuition Assistance to other branches of the military.

For more information, call 556-4064.

**AIR FORCE AID EDUCATION GRANT** - The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, retired or deceased Air Force members, retired reservists over age 60, and Title 10 reservists on extended active duty.

Spouses are also eligible for the grant.

Applications are available at the Family Support Center or for download at <http://www.afas.org>.

**FEDERAL EMPLOYEES EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE FUND SCHOLARSHIP** - Federal employees and family members who are interested in the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund Scholarships may apply through March 29.

For an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, number 10 business envelope to FEEA Scholarships, Suite 200, 8441 W. Bowles Avenue, Littleton, CO, 80123-9501.

**OPERATION BOOTSTRAP** - The Air Force Bootstrap program has been replaced by the Air Force Education Leave of Absence Policy.

There are several changes to the program. Those already enrolled or approved will not be affected by the changes.

For more information on the changes, call the base Education Center at 556-4064.

## Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Schedule

### Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship  
8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday  
Worship 11 a.m.

Gospel Services  
12:30 p.m.

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.

### Catholic Services

Mass

Weekdays  
11:35 a.m.

Saturdays 5 p.m.  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation  
Saturdays 4 p.m.

### Religious Education

Adult and pre K-12th grade Sundays  
8:30 a.m.



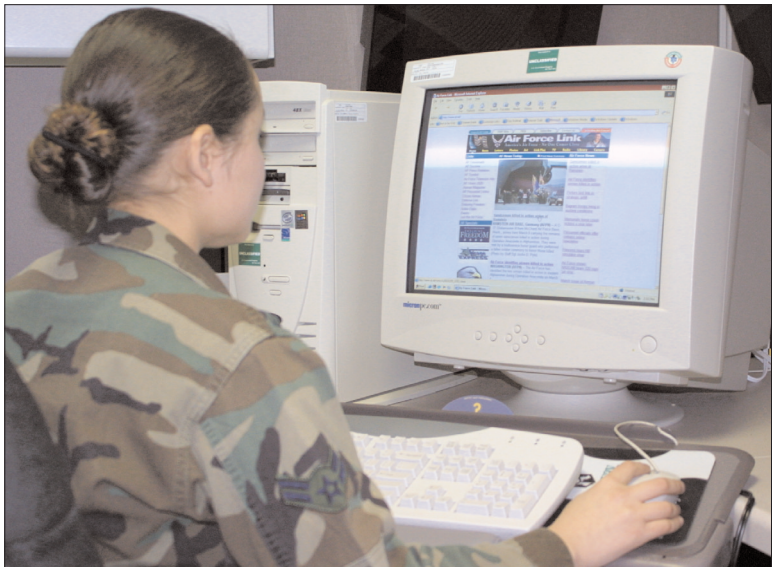


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano

An Internet Web site is a great way to get out information to other people in your organization, or inform the public about what you do.

## World Wide Web, local area network, Internet, homepage, Petecentral, 21 Net... huh?

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

As our society and our livelihoods become more and more immersed in computer technology, the internet, or World Wide Web, is fast becoming a primary medium for getting out information to the vast number of people who are connected to this global network.

However, before you venture onto that information super highway, there are a host of things you must consider first.

The Air Force and Air Force Space Command have guidelines to help you determine where and how to stake your claim in cyber real estate.

### Planning

The first question would-be Webmasters must ask themselves is, "what audience am I trying to reach with my Web page?"

Air Force Space Command Instruction 33-103 divides web pages into several categories including, public access, government access, and base-only access.

"If your information is of interest to the general public, or needs to be viewed by people without access to a government computer system, then you'll probably need a public access page," said Capt. Don Kerr, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs chief. "What you must keep in mind, is that anyone in the world can access these pages, so the pages must accurately reflect the views of your organization and the Air Force. In addition, there must be a legitimate and justifiable reason why your information needs to be on a public Web page."

Examples of appropriate information for a public Web page include; fact sheets, general information about the base for newcomers, and biographies of key leaders. Inappropriate material for Web sites includes personal information protected by the Privacy Act, operational and personnel security and copyright information.

If an organization needs to create a Web page, but its information doesn't meet the requirements for a public Web page, the unit may create a restricted access page.

"A lot of the information we work with is not classified, but shouldn't be available to the general public," said 2nd Lt. Alfred Peña, 21st Communications Squadron Network Control

Center chief. "Restricting access to only government agencies, allows people who need access to utilize the information while preventing access to those who don't. We restrict access by only allowing access to people who are doing so from a government computer system."

Much of the information contained on base unclassified networks is considered sensitive-but-not-classified. This information must be properly safeguarded. Peterson achieves this protection-level through 21NET, the base's local area network.

"Our networks contain protection measures to ensure only people on base with access to network resources can see this type of information," said Peña. "However, information and links on 21NET must support the Air Force and Peterson mission.

"In addition, our unclassified networks should never contain classified information, or information that could threaten mission sustainment or effectiveness if released."

### Implementation

Once you've determined what will go on your Web page and who your audience is, you're ready to begin the process for getting it posted.

The first step is to fill out an AFSPC Form 12. The appropriate approving officials must sign the form before it can be posted to public or limited-access Web servers. Once the page has been approved, the 21NET Web master will create an account for the user to load the pages and make updates.

Detailed information for posting a Web page can be found on Petecentral at <https://petecentral.peterson.af.mil>. Select the "library" button, and then the "Web Administrators" button.

For more information call the Network Control Center Help Desk at 556-4145.

# INTERNET

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# INTRANET

## Internet Big Brother is watching you

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

**News Flash:** Every page you access on the World Wide Web is recorded by 21st Communications Squadron computers.

**Bottom line:** If you surf illegal sites, you will get caught!

The 21st Communications Squadron is responsible for maintaining the security of Peterson computer systems. To do that effectively, they use the latest in network security software and equipment to help keep base networks operating smoothly.

"We have multiple systems that track internet traffic going in and out of the base," said Tech. Sgt. Ron Duncan, 21st CS Network Control Center quality assurance evaluator. "These systems help us to keep hackers from accessing or corrupting our networks, but they also help us to monitor and prevent unauthorized access of inappropriate Web sites."

These systems aren't new, and they're not kept secret, yet people still continue to be prosecuted for surfing these sites.

"The bottom line is that a government computer system is to be used for official business," said Duncan. "As a general rule of thumb, if you can't justify visiting a Web site for an official duty, you probably shouldn't be going there."

Pornography sites, chat rooms, and internet gaming sites are obvious examples of sites that shouldn't be visited, but people continue to be caught for visiting those very same sites.

"People believe that they can get away with it," said Duncan. "Just because you haven't been caught in the past, doesn't mean you won't be caught."

"With the large number of users we have on our network, we don't have the manpower to identify every time someone accesses illegal sites, but if people continue to access these sites, they will be caught."

Despite the technology at their disposal, network security people still need help to prevent unauthorized use of the internet.

"The first-line defense against unauthorized use of the internet has to be supervisors," said Duncan. "We rely on them to ensure that the people who work for them are using the internet responsibly."

As more and more information is transmitted over the Internet for official reasons, it's crucial that unofficial internet traffic doesn't interfere with official duties.

"With the large number of people using the internet at any given time, unofficial internet traffic can very easily disrupt official business," said Duncan.





Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria, Germany.

# Unit News

## Assignment Germany

By Senior Airman  
**Jami Nelson**  
3rd Space Control Squadron

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of serving a tour on the European Continent is the opportunity to travel.

The 3rd Space Communications Squadron is located at Kapaun Air Station, Germany and is ideally situated for visiting the entire European continent.

The surrounding Rheinland Pflalz area is steeped in history and squadron members spend much of their free time exploring the local area and Experiencing its rich culture.

The ruins at nearby Landstuhl and Hohnucken offer an afternoon of exploration. Both of these castles were forts built by Frederick Barbarossa in the 12th century.

Landstuhl also has relics that date back to when the Celts roamed Germany.

Traveling to neighboring countries is just a short drive or train ride away.

The lure of Paris is irresistible with the border of France only 45 minutes away and touring London and Amsterdam always offers a fun-filled weekend.

Skiing in the Swiss Alps is an exhilarating, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Spain, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are also nearby, offering more scenic beauty and a host of activities.

While the members of the 3rd SCS work hard to accomplish their mission, off-duty time offers fun, travel, and adventure.

The biggest question is... Where to go next?



Courtesy photos

The town of Positano on the Amalfi Coast in Italy.



## Sports Feature

# Army Space Command employee runs for two lives

By Sharon L. Hartman  
U.S. Army Space Command

A U.S. Army Space Command employee began a special mission this month.

He is running for two very special lives.

Larry Rosenkranz, a mechanical engineer in the Command's Directorate of Public Works, joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training and will run in the Steamboat Springs Marathon June 2.

He'll be running for the lives of two patients — Zachary Graham and Hannah Randall, both from Colorado Springs — who he met at a luncheon last weekend.

"I found it a real inspiration meeting Zachary and Hannah. I feel that I now have a personal connection to the fundraising cause and to com-

pleting this marathon," said Rosenkranz.

Although Rosenkranz has done various charity walk-a-thons and runs before, this will be his first charity marathon. Each member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training is asked to raise \$1,400 in order to participate in the marathon.

Rosenkranz has raised almost \$1,200 thus far, and is still going. "I sent letters out to all my family, friends and co-workers and have just gotten real good support so far. I am basically using the guideline of \$1,400, but of course, once I reach that minimum, I will still keep going."

He began running at the age of 24. Rosenkranz was living in New Jersey near the beach when his sister and brother-in-law, who are both runners, came to visit him for a weekend. They wanted to go for a run along the

Boardwalk, but his brother-in-law runs much faster than his sister, so she asked Larry to run with her for two miles. He agreed while secretly hoping he could keep up. Well, keep up he did, and he has been running since.

His first and only road marathon to date is the New York City marathon, which he ran in 1993. Since then, Rosenkranz has run in many other trail and wilderness marathons including the Crow Pass Crossing marathon in Alaska. During that marathon, he had

to run through snowfields, and a quarter-mile-wide, thigh-deep and a glacier-fed river.

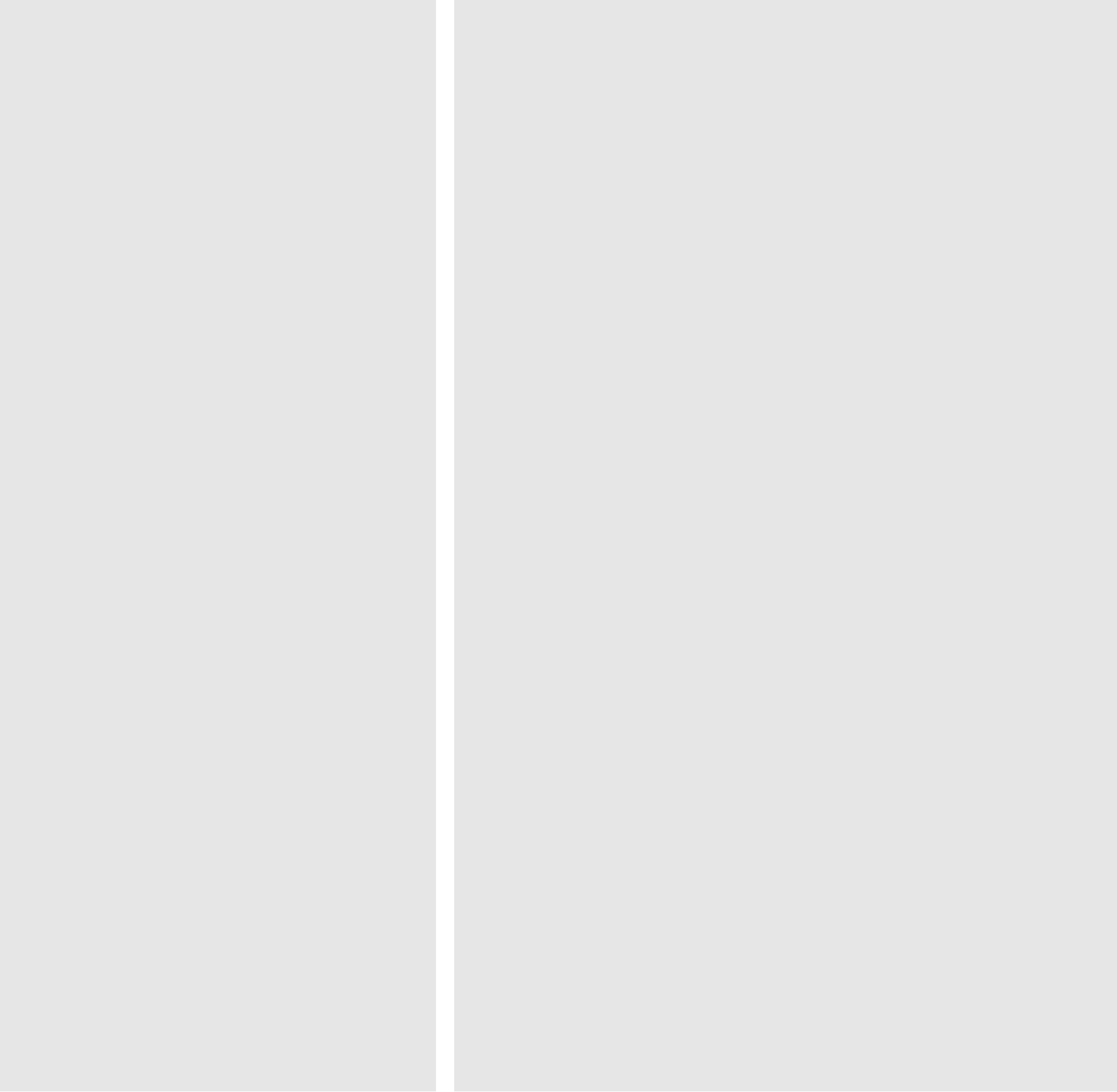
He also made his first go last year in the Pikes Peak marathon, which he said was probably the toughest race he'd ever done.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Rosenkranz can make their check out to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and send it to Larry Rosenkranz, 1630 Sanderson Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915.

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**Larry Rosenkranz**  
*U.S. Army Space Command*





# 21 CS squeaks by AFOTEC in over-30 championship

*Two points  
decide base  
champs in over-  
30 hoops*

**By 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews**  
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

March madness finished in true fashion Wednesday with the men’s over-30 basketball playoffs championship game coming down to the wire.

The final match-up of this year’s playoffs featured AFOTEC taking on the 21st Communications Squadron in the title game for the championship.

The game started with a combination of both teams trying to read each other’s defense and work mismatches.

21 CS then jumped out to a 10-point lead early with fast-break scoring, solid offensive rebounding and great team defense. The floor leadership and outside shooting of Jearl Gray helped lead CS to a 31-19 half-time lead.

AFOTEC played hard in the first half, but relied too much on the 3-point shot rather than working the ball inside. A combination of missed shots, turnovers, and a lack of rebounding really hurt them in the first half.

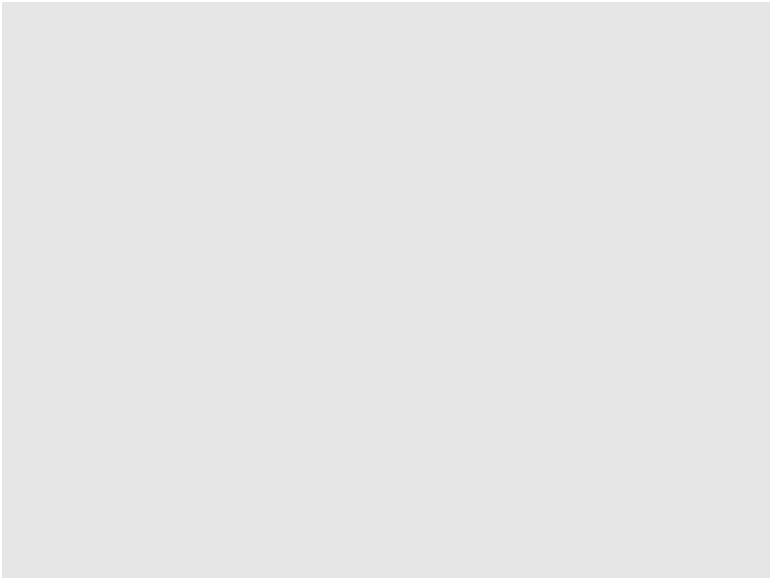
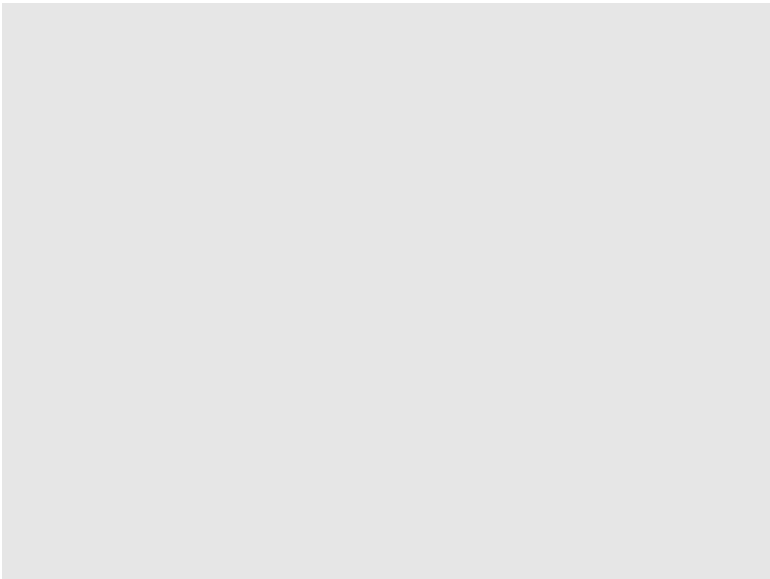
The second half saw AFOTEC regaining their championship-run form. Their team play was excellent and they also received a great individual effort by Richard Lassiter. AFOTEC’s hustle and great offensive rebounding helped cut the lead to 37-35 with seven minutes left.

21 CS responded by taking the ball to the hole, but they weren’t able to finish the plays. Fred Thomas also played a great game on both ends of the court.

In the end it came down to turnovers and missed free throws that killed AFOTEC. Going 1 for 5 from the “charity stripe” in the final minute won’t help win a close game. When the last-second shot and hope for AFOTEC rimmed out, 21 CS won with the final score of 43-41.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews  
**TOP:** Members from the 21st Communications Squadron stand in front of their over-30 championship trophy.  
**BOTTOM:** AFOTEC and 21st Communications Squadron over-30 team members wait to crash the boards after a shot.





**CMAFS 5K fun run** - A 5K fun run is today, 2 p.m. at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

**Intramural Volleyball** - Volleyball starts Monday. Monday and Wednesday competitive league games will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday recreation league games will be 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

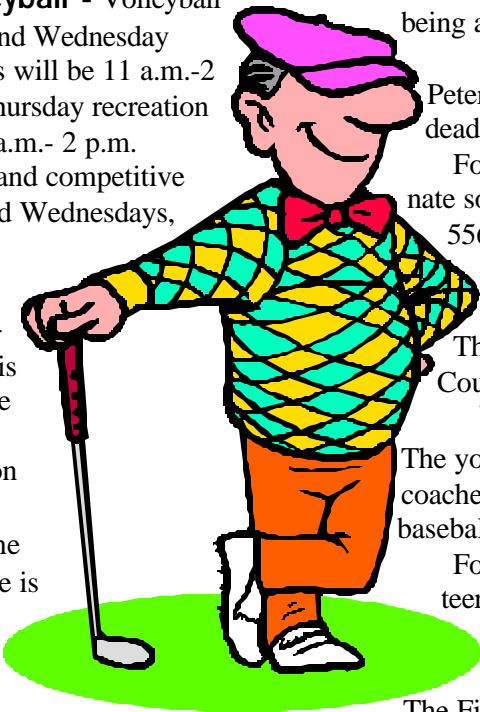
Evening recreation and competitive leagues play Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m.

**Golf coaches meeting** - The intramural golf coaches meeting is March 20 at Silver Spruce Golf Course club house.

For more information call 556-7414.

**Golf lessons** - The Silver Spruce Golf Course is offering adult group golf lessons for beginners.

The lessons begin March 18 and will take place on various dates throughout April.



For exact dates, times and prices, call the golf course at 556-7414.

**Ring of Fame nominations** -

Nominations for the Peterson Ring of Fame are being accepted at the fitness center.

The Ring of Fame honors Peterson Complex athletes. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 1.

For more information or to nominate someone, call Ernie Martin at 556-7092.

**Youth karate** - Youth karate is every Tuesday and Thursday at the Fitness Center on Court 2.

**Youth sports coaches** -

The youth sports department needs coaches for sports such as soccer and baseball.

For more information or to volunteer, call the youth center at 556-7220.

**Personal trainers** -

The Fitness Center has personal trainers available.

Have us cover your sporting event.

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